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Hunting Regulations

Tule Lake & Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges California — Oregon



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Licenses

All hunters must carry valid State hunting licenses and all required State and Federal stamps and permits.

Permits

Waterfowl: During the first two days of waterfowl season, all hunters 16 years of age and older must carry a valid entry permit for the controlled unit in which they are hunting. Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a permitted adult. Permits are issued in advance of waterfowl season to applicants selected by a lottery.

Pheasants: Entry permits for hunters over 16 years of age will be required for the entire California State Pheasant hunting season. Advance reservations will be available, by lottery, for the first 9 days of the season. After opening weekend, non-reservation holders will be issued entry permits on a space-available basis.

Huntible Species

Only geese, ducks (including mergansers), coots, gallinules, snipe and pheasants may be hunted on the refuge. *All other wildlife species are protected.*

Refuge Hours

The public is allowed on the refuges only during the times posted at refuge entrances.

Camping

Camping and overnight parking are prohibited on the refuges; however, five campground/trailer parks are located nearby. See map on back.

Shooting Hours

Hunting is permitted 7 days a week. Legal waterfowl shooting hours end at 1:00 p.m. on the Tule Lake Refuge and on the California portions of the Lower Klamath Refuge. Waterfowl shooting hours for the Oregon portion of the Lower Klamath Refuge correspond to state regulations.

Pheasant hunting hours on all refuge hunting areas correspond to state regulations.

Boats

Boats may be used on all areas open to waterfowl hunting. Air-thrust and inboard water-thrust (jet) boats are prohibited. Obey state boating regulations.

Retrieving Zones

Possession of firearms in retrieving zones is prohibited, except unloaded firearms may be taken through the zones when necessary to reach hunting areas. Decoys may not be set in retrieving zones. Restrictions apply to both waterfowl and pheasant hunting.

Access Routes

It is illegal to shoot from or across any access route or parking area. Motor vehicles are allowed only on designated access routes. These roads may be closed during parts of the season. **EXCEPTION:** Waterfowl hunters may drive off access routes to set out or pick up decoys in the following field units — The League of Nations, The Panhandle, Sheepy West, Sheepy East, Miller Lake and Straits Unit.

CAUTION: Construction activities in the Straits Unit may limit access to certain areas during the season. Do not drive in posted construction zone or shoot within 200 yards of construction activities.

Removal of Personal Property

All decoys, boats, and other personal property must be removed from the refuges at the close of each day.

Weapons and Ammunition

No person may possess any weapon or ammunition that may not be legally used for taking waterfowl or pheasants.

Accidents

All accidents and injuries occurring on the refuge must be immediately reported to the Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Route 1, Box 74, Tullake, California 96134. Phone (916) 667-2231.

Hunter-Made Blinds

Temporary hunting blinds may be built of natural vegetation. The use of pit blinds is prohibited on the refuges.

Spaced-Blind Areas

Blind sites in the spaced blind areas will be selected by lottery at the beginning of each day's hunt. The daily lottery begins approximately two hours before shoot time. Call the refuge office (916) 667-2231 for current times. The lottery will be held at the check station located on County Line Road.

Only those receiving blind assignments from this check station may hunt in the spaced blind areas. Hunters may draw only one blind site and may not hunt from any other site. Hunters may not possess loaded firearms further than 100 feet from their assigned blinds.

Each blind must have a spread of at least one dozen goose decoys.

Hunters may not shoot at birds that are beyond normal effective range. Those who persist in shooting at out of range birds will be subject to removal from the area.



Handicapped

The refuges cover a variety of habitats including rough uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of bulrushes (tules), stubble fields and ditches, etc. Rainfall can make roads and fields muddy and slippery, making them more difficult to negotiate. Hunting difficulty varies by area and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the refuge. Handicapped persons should hunt with a partner and consult the refuge manager for suggestions for hunting the area safely.

For more information on refuge programs contact:

Refuge Manager
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Route 1, Box 74
Tullake, CA 96134
Phone (916) 667-2231



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Signs & Boundaries

These signs will help you find hunting area boundaries. The wording applies to the area behind the sign. Some posts have signs on two sides—READ BOTH SIDES. Watch for boundary corners and check your location with this map.



When this boundary sign is used alone on a post, it means **NO HUNTING**. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.

(White Sign)



Motor vehicles are not allowed beyond this sign. Do not block access.

(Brown Sign)



This area is closed to **ALL** entry. No hunting or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

(White Sign)



This area open for waterfowl hunting only. Daily permit required. Permits available by drawing prior to hunt time.

(Green Sign)



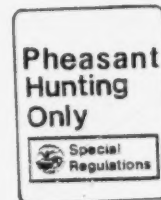
Motor vehicles are allowed on this route. Speed limit 35 MPH except where otherwise posted. No shooting from or across the road. Some of these roads will be closed during part of the season.

(Blue Sign)



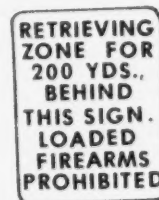
Used alone or beneath a refuge boundary sign. The area behind this sign may be hunted as permitted by refuge regulations.

(Green Sign)



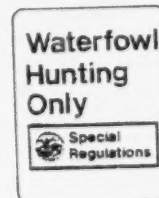
This area is open during regular State pheasant season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited. Entry permit required all season.

(Yellow Sign)



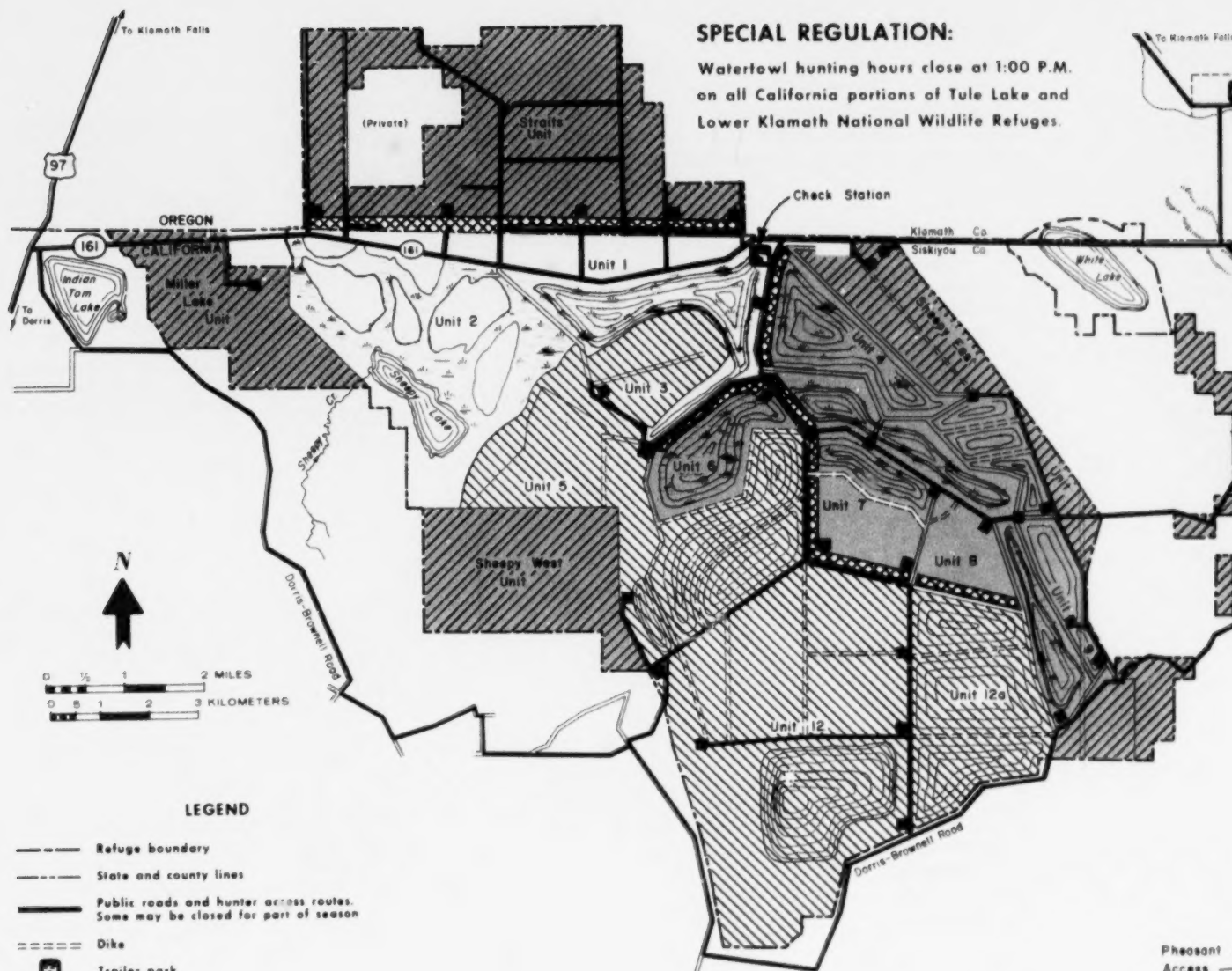
You may pass through this area to get to hunting units. You may retrieve downed birds. Loaded firearms are prohibited.

(Black Sign)



This area is open only during regular state waterfowl season. Entry permits are required during first two days.

(Green Sign)



SPECIAL REGULATION:
 Waterfowl hunting hours close at 1:00 P.M.
 on all California portions of Tule Lake and
 Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges.

- LEGEND**
- Refuge boundary
 - State and county lines
 - Public roads and hunter access routes. Some may be closed for part of season
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 - Trailer park
 - Parking area
 - Closed area, no hunting
 - Retrieving zone
 - Pheasant hunting only, during regular state season (entry permit required—all season)
 - Waterfowl hunting only, during regular state seasons (entry permit required during first two days of waterfowl season)
 - Waterfowl and pheasant hunting only, during regular state seasons (no entry permit required)
 - Restricted blind spacing. Waterfowl hunting only, permit required during entire season (see regulations on back)

Lower Klamath Refuge

